(b) whether the private companies have established infrastructure to store and handle this own imported oil;

(c) whether the private sector find it financially viable to establish infrastructure for their limited use; and

(d) what is the viability of this concession for the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) According to the current Exim Policy, Private and Joint Sector refineries can import crude oil freely without an import licence for actual use in their own refineries. Import of Furnace Oil has also been decanalised.

Refineries are set-up on techno-economic considerations and import facilities etc. are usually part of the Refinery Projects.

LPG Gas Agency in Sujanpur Teera

423. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number with their names of the Panchayats under Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh which are served by the LPG gas agency situated in Sujanpur Teera of Hamirpur district;

(b) the number of such villages with their names which are situated at a distance of 500 to 2000 yards from the main road or mortorable road and the details of the gas connections provided in these villages;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake the work of home delivery through the agency in these villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) There are 26 Gram Panchayats in the district of Kangra in Himachal Pradesh, where LPG is served by LPG distributor at Sujanpur Tira in the district of Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh).

(b) There are 75 villages in 26 Gram Panchayats of Kangra district, which are served by the LPG distributor at Sujanpur Tira. A total of 2976 custgomcrs in the 75 villages are being served by the LPG distributor at Sujanpur Tira, district Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh).

(c) and (d) The cost for providing home delivery in such villages which are thinly populated, scattered in different directions and situated far off from the main distributor's point, is too prohibitive for distributors. Passing of cost for providing home delivery on customers by way of additional cooliage charges will discourage customers from use of LPG. As such, home delivery of LPG refills in the various villages of Kangra district by LPG distgributor situated at Sujanpur Tira will not be economically viable.

Tapti Gas to Pipavav Gas Based Power Project

424. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made a commitment to allocate Tapti Gas to Pipavav Gas Based Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the commitment has been i fulfilled;